

International Concert Pianist to Perform Free Concert at SWOSU

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International concert pianist Roman Rudnytsky is scheduled to perform at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford on Wednesday, April 18.

Rudnytsky's performance is sponsored by the SWOSU Department of Music. Admission is free to the 7 p.m. concert in Room 101 of the Berrong Music Hall.

He will also teach a master class that afternoon at 3 p.m., also in Room 101 of the Berrong Music Hall. Admission is free.

Rudnytsky is an active concert pianist of Ukrainian background whose frequent classical music performances have taken him to every continent of the world, performing in nearly 100 countries.

Born in New York into a prominent musical family, he began the study of piano at age 4 and gave his first full recital at age 7. He is a graduate of the famous Juilliard School in New York and also did additional studies at the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore and at master classes in Austria (the "Mozarteum") and Italy.

Rudnytsky is a prizewinner in 10 piano competitions, including such prestigious ones as the International Leventritt Competition (New York) and International J.S. Bach Competition (Washington) and, in Italy, the "F. Busoni" and "A. Casagrande" International Piano Competitions. He has made numerous recordings in Poland, Australia and the United States.

Since 1972, Rudnytsky has been a member of the piano faculty of the Dana School of Music at Youngstown State University in Youngstown, Ohio. He is a recipient of that institution's "Distinguished Professor Award" in recognition of his concert activities. He previously served on the piano faculties of the Indiana University School of Music and the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory, in addition to being "Artist-in-Residence" at two Australian universities.

In 2012, Rudnytsky had his fourth tour of the Pacific Islands of Micronesia in January-February. In early March, he completed his 13th New Zealand tour and played recitals in Brunei.